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RECHARGE OF GROUNDWATER
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Advisory Council on Artificial Recharge to Groundwater has been constituted;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of works undertaken by this Council in artificial recharging of groundwater so far; and

(d) the details of success achieved after undertaking the above works?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES & MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI VINCENT H. PALA)

(a) & (b) Advisory Council was constituted vide Gazette publication no. 18/6/2002-GW-pt dated 17th April 2006 under the Chairmanship of Hon`ble Minister(WR) with the objective of popularizing the concept of Artificial Recharge among all stakeholders and its adoption. The Council is comprised of Members from different concerned Central Ministries/Departments, representatives of State Governments, Public Undertakings, Financial Institutions, representative of Industries and renowned Subject Experts/ Farmers/ NGOs.

(c) Till date the Council has held five meetings in July 2006, September 2007, April 2010, September 2010 and May, 2011 and given recommendations on issues of water use efficiency, awareness on water conservation and recharge, ground water regulation and management, ground water information system and public participation in ground water monitoring system.

(d) As per recommendations of the Advisory Council, various actions have been initiated in MOWR which include:-

Organization of National Ground Water Congress during 2007, 2010, 2011 and 2012.

Declaration of year 2007 as 'Water Year'.

Report on "More crop and income per drop of water" was prepared.

Implementation of Farmers Participatory Action Research Programme (FPARP) in two phases.

Institution of Ground Water Augmentation Awards and National Water Award to encourage NGOs/Gram Panchayats/ Urban Local Bodies / Institutions/ Corporate Sector and individuals.

Report on "Select case studies Rainwater Harvesting and Artificial Recharge" was prepared.